

**THE CITY OF BELMONT GIVES NOTICE** that:

1. The City is proposing to increase sewer rates. The purpose of the proposed increase is to adequately fund the daily operations, maintenance and future capital improvements related to providing sewer utility service to properties within the City of Belmont.

2. The proposed schedule of maximum rates for the 2008/09 Fiscal Year is shown herein. An explanation of how the Sewer Service Charge is calculated is also shown within. If the proposed rate increases are approved, it is proposed that they will be in effect commencing July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and will continue to be in effect until otherwise modified by the City. The sewer rates will not exceed the maximum amounts shown without another written notice to the property owners.

The City of Belmont provides utility service to approximately 8,250 parcels. The City's sewer utility operations are intended to be financially self-sufficient with funding for capital and operating requirements derived primarily from sewer service revenue. The City authorized a study to insure that an adequate level of revenue from rates and charges be maintained to finance its daily utility operations as well as future capital improvements. The study, performed by HF&H Consultants LLC, details the analysis of operation and maintenance expenses as well as the capital improvement program for the sewer utility for 2008/09 Fiscal Year. The study also calculates the rates required to fund the utilities such that revenue is sufficient to meet revenue requirements. For further information regarding the rates and analysis, please refer to the study, which is on file with the City Clerk.

**CITY OF BELMONT**

One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375  
Belmont, CA 94002

APN: XXX-XXX-XXX

Property Owner  
Street Address  
City, State Zip

**Notice of  
Public  
Hearing on  
Proposed  
Sewer Rate  
Increase**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
7:30 PM**

**City of Belmont  
Council Chambers,  
One Twin Pines Lane  
Belmont**

## Notice of Public Hearing

In Compliance with Article XIID of the California State Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act

A Public Hearing will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers located at One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont. The City Council will hear and consider all oral and written testimony concerning the proposed sewer rate changes. If you oppose the proposed rate changes, you may submit a formal written protest at the hearing or, via mail or hand delivery, to the City Clerk's office. A formal written protest must be submitted in writing, contain a description of the property (the parcel number is preferred and is printed on this notice above your mailing address) and be signed by the property owner. Protests will be handled pursuant to the procedures adopted by the City Council, which are provided herein for your reference. If written protests are submitted with respect to a majority of the parcels subject to the charges, then the proposed changes will not be imposed. You can send your written protest to:

City Clerk  
City of Belmont  
One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375  
Belmont, CA 94002

Any formal written protest must be received prior to the close of the public testimony portion of the hearing.

## CITY OF BELMONT

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## Proposed Sewer Rates

Each parcel's sewer charge will be the sum of a Base Charge and a Flow Charge.

### Base Charge

- Residential Customers (single-family and multi-family):  
\$238.16 per dwelling unit per year
- Non-Residential Customers:  
\$238.16 per parcel per year

### Flow Charge

- Residential and most Non-Residential Customers:  
\$3.12 per hundred cubic feet of estimated annualized wastewater discharge
- “High-Strength” Non-Residential Customers (supermarkets with grinders and restaurants with on-site food preparation):  
\$6.08 per hundred cubic feet of estimated annualized wastewater discharge

Estimated annualized wastewater discharge for a sewer connection will be estimated as twelve (12) times the average monthly winter water use at the location served by the connection. For most parcels, winter water use will be estimated as the average of the meter readings provided by the Mid-Peninsula Water District for the December-March period for the second year prior to the year for which charges are calculated. For example, the Tax Year 2008/09 charge for a parcel will be based on the December 2006 through March 2007 water meter readings. For connections that are less than two years old, and for non-residential parcels that experience certain changes in business type, winter water use will be estimated by the City based on available data. Winter water use was selected as a proxy for wastewater discharge because irrigation use is minimal during this period (as opposed to Summer water use which includes more substantial landscape irrigation).

## Additional Information

The \$245.40 standby charge for parcels that are undeveloped and not currently using sewer service or being charged a sewer service charge is proposed to continue unchanged.

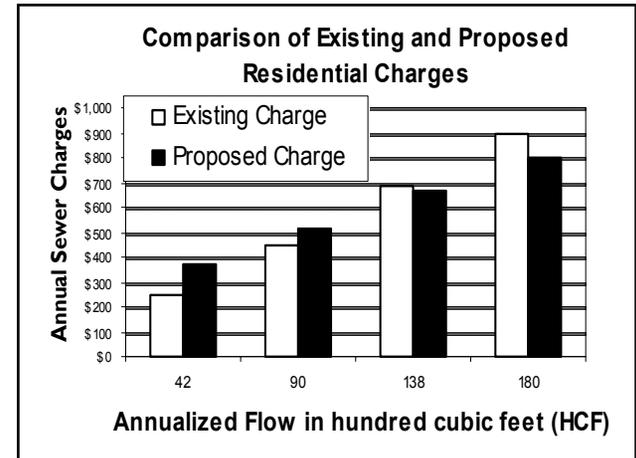
An additional \$1.25 charge will be added to each parcel by the San Mateo County Auditor to cover county fees related to collecting the sewer charges on the tax roll.

### Comparison of Existing and Proposed Residential Charges

The following chart shows how Residential Customers with different volumes of metered water usage will be affected by the proposed rates:

Annualized Flow (HCF)	Existing Charge (Flow Only)	Proposed Charge (Base plus Flow)
42	\$249	\$369
90	\$450	\$519
138	\$690	\$669
180	\$900	\$800

Note: For Residential Customers, the average annualized flow is 90 HCF with the average annual cost of \$519. The Proposed charge is designed to generate 8.5% more revenue than the existing charge.



## Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the proposed rate adjustment, please contact N|B|S at (800) 676-7516.